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Real Maco Yarn, Hermsdorf dye, full fashioned, spliced heel and toes.
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Take advantage of the special sale to-day by getting here early, as these specials will undoubtedly be snapped up at once.

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May Mantion Patterns, 10c; by mail, 12c.

SUES DR. PARKER FOR \$100,000

Mrs. Hunt, of Covington, Begins Proceedings, Alleging Breach of Contract.

CONCERNS TRACT OF LAND

Plaintiff Declares She Was Engaged to Investigate Value of 30,000 Acres.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday notice of one of the largest civil suits ever brought in Richmond was filed by Mr. George C. Gregory, attorney for Mrs. Emily Adair Hunt, of Covington, against Dr. Truman A. Parker, of this city, for \$100,000. Mrs. Hunt claims that this amount is due her on a tract of land near Covington, containing 30,000 acres, and said to be worth \$300,000, of which Dr. Parker is one of the heirs.

Mrs. Hunt, whose husband is in business in Covington, resided in Richmond prior to her marriage, and was Miss Emily Adair. She is said to be a woman of fine business judgment, and is altogether familiar with the value of property.

Although her declaration has not been filed, it is understood that it will contain some interesting allegations.

His Mother's Estate.

According to the story as it is related last night, Dr. Parker was notified that two land-grabbers had filed application to take up 30,000 acres of land lying along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad in Allegheny county, between Covington and Hot Springs, and standing in the name of his mother, the late Susan R. Parker. During the summer of 1906, Dr. Parker, she looked upon the property as practically worthless and stopped paying taxes upon it. The amount now delinquent is something like \$2,000. It is said that Dr. Parker wrote Mrs. Hunt, agreeing if she would investigate the matter and should find the property of any considerable value, they would together pay the delinquent taxes and each have half-interest in the land. She will allege that the deal was made in this manner. Dr. Parker, who was not notified of the application, was told by the land-grabbers that the land was easily worth \$5 per acre. Upon an investigation later by Dr. Parker it is said that he undertook to withdraw his offer, declaring that he was laboring under the impression that Mrs. Hunt was an heir. It is further alleged that the land is worth \$15 per acre, and that on certain portions of it iron ore has been found. Mrs. Hunt will allege that she was told by Dr. Parker that he was not notified of the application, and could not be asked about the matter. Attorneys on both sides declined to discuss the matter for publication.

RUSH AT POSTOFFICE

Suggestions Which May Be Helpful to the Public.

The Christmas rush at the post-office has started earlier than usual, and officials and clerks are doing all in their power to facilitate the handling of the heavier incoming and outgoing mail.

Postmaster Cabell urges all persons having packages to mail to get them in at the earliest practicable moment, in order to avoid delay. He also asks that all persons mailing registered letters or packages will write their names and addresses upon them before they are presented at the window, as this department of all others is most easily congested on account of the heavier mail.

The postmaster requests all persons who expect registered mail, and who will be out of the city during the holidays to leave written orders for them at their homes, so that they can be delivered to others than then addresses upon mere verbal requests. An order has been issued for the observance of Sunday hours at the post-office on Christmas Day.

MR. WATTS MARRIED

Supreme Court Stenographer and Miss Waller Surprise Friends.

Mr. Maury Watts, stenographer of the Supreme Court of Appeals, was quietly married yesterday morning to Miss Mary Waller, of 1000 East Marshall Street, by the pastor, the Rev. W. R. L. Smith.

The parlor was beautifully decorated and the ceremony was performed in the presence of about thirty of the friends of the couple.

The marriage of Mr. Watts and Mr. Waller was a surprise to their friends, and as a matter of fact, they themselves only about a week ago declared that they were not going to marry. They left immediately after the ceremony for New York and other Northern points.

Case Continued.

The case of Hobson Meade, colored, charged with the murder of Margaret Drew, was continued to December 28th to allow the police to work up the case. The alleged crime was committed April 23d.

READ REPORT BY LIGHT OF CANDLE

Hall Plunged Into Darkness, and Meeting of Citizens Had to Adjourn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Organization Formed and Plans for Improvement of Section Discussed.

Residents of that portion of Clay Ward which was recently annexed by the city met last night in Randolph Hall, Soldiers' Home, for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization devoted to the general welfare and improvement of the new district. The name, the "Clay Ward Annex League," was decided upon at a meeting of the citizens on November 2d. At that time also, committees were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws and to look over the ground and determine what improvements are most necessary at present.

Officers Elected.

Mr. T. A. Miller presided as temporary chairman last night, and the temporary secretary, Mr. M. H. Omohundro, read the constitution, which was accepted with the single amendment providing, instead of confining the membership entirely to residents, that owners of property near the annexed territory may be eligible. It was emphasized after the reading of the constitution, that the organization was created for the mutual good of the members and for no political purposes. Their object is to cooperate with the City Council for the purpose of improving and beautifying this section of Richmond.

Previous to the election of officers the constitution was passed around and signed by thirty men. The officers elected were the following:

Chairman, Mr. T. A. Miller.
Secretary, Mr. M. H. Omohundro.
Treasurer, Mr. W. B. Daniels.
Executive Committee, Messrs. E. L. Hyatt, A. E. Cohen, Edward Donaldson, C. E. Smith and T. F. Mcanley.

The draft of the by-laws, which among other things designated that to celebrate Christmas by inviting home their daughter, Miss Gay Pace Tanner, who on December 2d ran away and married Mr. George M. Strain, of this city. There was strong opposition at the time on the part of the bride's family to the match, and the young couple were married in Washington.

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TEMPORARY QUARTERS

Richmond Post-Office Matter to Be Settled in Short Time.

Postmaster Cabell has received from Congressman Lamb a copy of the following letter, which explains itself:

"Hon. John Lamb, House of Representatives:

"Sir—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, relative to obtaining temporary quarters for government officials in the city of Richmond, Va., and I have the honor to advise you that the matter will be taken up in the very near future."

(Signed) "J. K. TAYLOR, Supervising Architect."

Baskets for the Poor.

Arrangements for the distribution of the Christmas baskets to be given to the poor of the city of Richmond are fast nearing completion. The canvass, which has been made by the most zealous and experienced charity workers in the city, has been exhaustive. There are now about 500 families, perhaps, who are in need of help.

The poor will be made to get in line at the mission house at Second and Leigh Streets, and as long as the supplies last they will be given out. There is a Union Mission Band, a colored charitable organization with rooms in St. James Street, requests that all the colored people will stop there and get their meals.

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Boys' and Children's Clothing at reduced prices, too.

Gans-Rady Company

PROBLEM OF ILLITERATE CHILD



SOME FORMS OF CHILD LABOR REFERRED TO BY DR. MCKELWAY.

FORGIVE COUPLE; BRING THEM HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Celebrate Christmas by Inviting Young People to Come Home.

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GOT LADY'S SCARF

Finder Will Not Return It; Warrant May Be Issued.

Detective headquarters has been notified of the loss of a lady's scarf of squirrel fur, which was left in the gallery at the Academy of Music on December 17th. The police claim to have information as to who picked it up, but have been reluctant so far to make an arrest. A warrant will probably be sworn out to-day.

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Virginia Branch of National Child Labor Association Formed at Meeting Here Yesterday.

A local branch of the National Child Labor Association was formed yesterday afternoon at Sanger Hall, following an address by Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Atlanta, Ga., one of the secretaries of the organization.

Dr. McKelway made an effective appeal for the passage of laws prohibiting the employment of small children in shops and factories, and he brought home his point with a number of telling illustrations. He pointed out some of the economic conditions that have made the South somewhat behind other sections of the country in the enactment of laws for the prevention of child labor, declaring that effective legislation involves many different elements, including the child, the parent, the employer, the official and the community.

Laws for Virginia.

In the long run, he said, the effectiveness of the law depends upon the conscience of the community as a whole far more than upon the parent and the employer acting together. The schedule of laws to be worked for in Virginia is this:

To prohibit labor by all children under fourteen, as against twelve under the present law.

To prohibit labor by all children under sixteen years of age who do not measure sixty inches and weigh eighty pounds.

To prohibit the employment of all children under sixteen years of age who cannot read fluently and write in simple sentences in the English language.

To prohibit night work and all work which is dangerous to life and limb.

The Rev. W. J. Maybee, secretary of the Children's Home Society, spoke briefly of his experiences among the illiterate and orphan children of Virginia, and of the large number of cases which have come under his observation, where children at a time when they should be in school are being made to work to support indigent parents.

Serious Problems.

The Rev. Dr. James Buchanan, Superintendent of the Associated Charities, spoke of the work as it appeared from the strictly charitable viewpoint. He said that the illiterate children of Virginia as one of the most dangerous problems before the State. "The naturally bright boy unable to read and write, and untrained in any method of making his living, and a natural, latent lying dormant, is destined to become either a criminal or a loafer, and a charge upon the Commonwealth," he declared. "It is not able to compete with the negro and the foreigner in unskilled labor where only plain muscle is demanded. Fifteen hundred white families are more or less dependent in Richmond. Were they educated they would be a large asset to the State."

An organization was formed as the Virginia Branch of the National Child Labor Association, with an executive committee of fifteen, as follows: Hon. Eugene C. Massie, chairman; the Rev. James Buchanan, D. D., secretary; Mr. C. C. Saville, Mr. George B. Davis, Dr. W. W. Gillette, Mr. C. B. Cooke, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Dr. William E. Dodd, of Blackstone; the Rev. F. T. McFadden, D. D., the Rev. W. J. Maybee, D. D., Mr. A. E. Clarke, Hon. James B. Doherty, Hon. J. D. Eggleston, Jr., and Mr. Charles Hutzel.

The committee will be called together by the chairman in a short time.

May Revise Order.

Building Inspector Beck has ordered Mr. M. L. Hoffheimer, proprietor of Fraternity Hall, No. 215 West Broad Street, to close the doors on the building and to cause the doors on the Broad Street side to swing outward instead of inward, as at present. Mr. Hoffheimer has signified his willingness to comply with the latter proposition, but will probably appeal the former to the Board of Public Safety.

ANCIENT NEGRO WON'T MOVE AWAY

Lived in Place So Long Thinks He Owns It—Raided by Police.

Uncle Roe, an ancient negro, who has "squatted" in a shack at the corner of Park Avenue and Strawberry Place, and lived there years without number, has caused the mounted police some sleepless nights lately, and not until the squad raided the old man's place did they discover how they had been sold.

It was reported to the police that the old wooden house, which is a relic of former days when that neighborhood was a cornfield, was a "den of thieves" and a repository of stolen goods. The raid, which was finally determined upon, and which took place a day or two ago, developed a stack of old clothes and goods that seemed to give color to the rumor. Uncle Roe is an "odd-job" man, and works for the neighbors, cutting grass in season and out of season. They give him old clothes, coats and a variety of garments, which he has gathered together in considerable quantity. The old negro is the original apostle of the "squatter" movement, as one side of his house is gone, and his sleeping sofa stands open to the beating of all weathers. The owners of the lot have suggested that he be moved, as he is a squatter on the property and pays no rent.

Major Werner says they should get a warrant, as under a Supreme Court ruling, he is charged of doing anything with the property of the lot. He has more, he does not regard the old darky as either dangerous or a nuisance so long as the owners do not wish to build on the lot.

HIT BY FLYING STEEL

Blacksmith Painfully Injured While at Anvil Yesterday.

While working at his anvil yesterday morning W. C. Burk, a twenty-one-year-old white man, was struck in the forehead by a piece of flying metal, which imbedded itself in the skull. The particle, half an inch long, tore a bad gash in the man's forehead. Dr. Strole, of the city ambulance force, operated on the blacksmith's skull, removing the foreign substance, and later took Burk to his home, No. 1810 Jay Street. The accident occurred in a shop on Seventeenth Street.

State Convention, Y. M. C. A.

The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held in Lynchburg on February 26th to the 28th, 1908. State Secretary Coulter is arranging the details of the meeting.

To Leave for China.

Miss Annie Vaughan, Wilson's daughter, will leave the city on December 27th for her field of work in China. A farewell service will be held at the First Baptist Church of the Covenant on Sunday.

Captain Wins Better.

Captain George D. Wise, who has been to the hospital, was somewhat improved last night.

DEATH

In cases where inflammation is the cause, and a cold or croup or pneumonia is inflammation, it can be averted by using GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE. The world's great external remedy. All druggists. Buy to-day and the prepared group comes in the night and death often comes with croup.

JACKSON WARD WRETCHEDLY AWAITS THE END

Jackson Ward is sitting with hands folded waiting for the end.

The mantle of some bygone prophet dropped somewhere out there not long ago, and though none of the dusky inhabitants of this Aframerican domain seem to have witnessed the unusual phenomena, many of them are wrought up over the antics of the man who got his mission from the garment. So terrifying are all his predictions that even Christmas is being forgotten by the faithful.

The Rev. Robert Jeter, who has been so amply exemplified by the marvelous effect it had on the minds of the Rev. Jeter. He began to speak as one having authority, though at times his manner strikingly reminded the sophisticated of that of the scribbles and Pharoahs. The speaker, seated in Jackson Ward, however, is in the minority, and the prophet bolts mightily away even among his own people many of whom are shivering with a creepy, "hanty" feeling.

Jeter asserts that by divine dispensation he has the power of prophecy, and that he can predict the future of the city of Richmond.

He predicts that in the next forty-eight hours a great storm will be visited upon his territory, a great storm, the like of which has never before been experienced. The winds

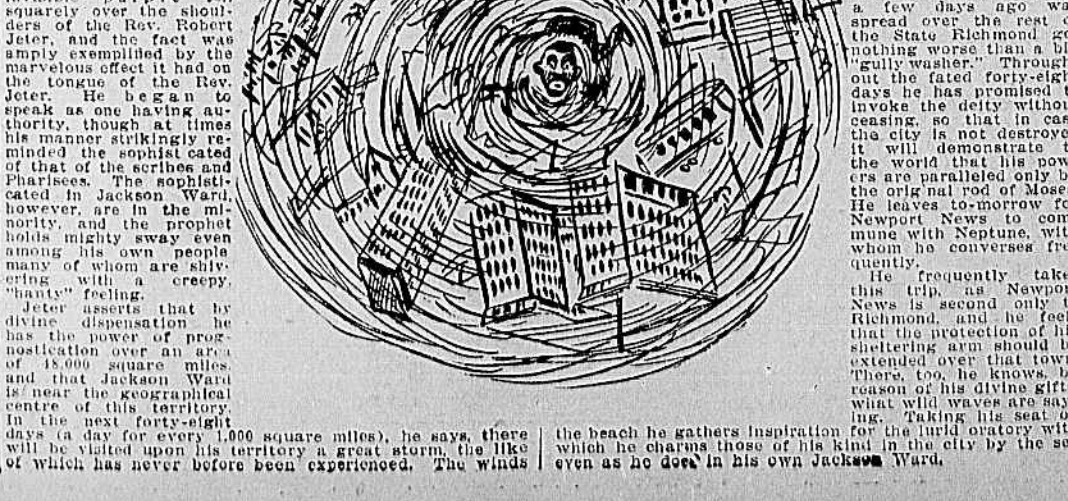
will be the chief source of destruction, and will be of such force as not only to shake the foundations of Jackson Ward, but to turn the city upside down.

On the great deep, huge ships will be tossed to ruin like a cockle shell, and there will be divers explosions in different places. All these things will happen in the worst form imaginable unless by the inducement of the fact that when the minor storm of a few days ago was over, the city of Richmond was a shambles.

The State Richmond got nothing worse than a big, ugly wash of rain, and the fact was that the forty-eight days he has promised to invoke the deity without ceasing.

He leaves to-morrow for Newport News to commune with Neptune, with whom he converses frequently.

He frequently takes this trip, as Newport News is second only to Richmond, and he feels that the protection of his sheltering arm should be extended over the city. There, too, he knows, by reason of his divine gifts, what wild waves are raging, and he sits on the beach he gathers inspiration for the world oratory, while he charms those of his kind in the city by the sea even as he does in his own Jackson Ward.



A New Flavour for Breakfast

Elijah's Manna

The most deliciously flavoured flake food made.

Be sure the food comes to the table crisp. When package is allowed to remain open the moisture of the air makes it tough. In such case (instead that it be dried in an oven as per directions on pkg.) then it is delicious.

Large Family size pkg., 15c.

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FALL SETTLEMENT

Todd Estate Makes Final Payment to Account of County.

The estate of Mr. Walter J. Todd, late treasurer of Henrico county, made full settlement yesterday of his indebtedness to the county by the payment to Mr. William H. Frayser, the present treasurer, of \$19,855. The money was paid by Mrs. Isadora Todd. One of Mr. Todd's sons will enter the office on the 1st of January as deputy to Mr. Hechler.

To Lease Stone House.

At a meeting last night the Committee on James River Improvement recommended the lease of the Sloan house for the purpose of depositing thereon sand pumped from the river bed. By this means the dredge will be able to handle a larger amount of sand than heretofore.